

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

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8 December 1965

1. [redacted] was in to talk with me about the following:

a. He reported that Sherman Kent and Ray Cline will be available to participate in the joint war games in January. I asked Chris to submit their names. The other team members have also been selected and appear to be fine with the exception of [redacted] who is a consultant rather than a staff employee. I told [redacted] that I wanted to check this with Dick Helms.

b. [redacted] left with me a rather lengthy study he had made on [redacted] which concludes that the course should be continued with modified guidelines including reducing it from two weeks to one week. We await a formal, coordinated recommendation from DD/S on this subject.

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3. I spent a few minutes with [redacted] who was blinded during the bombing of the Saigon embassy this spring. He is working in DD/P as the [redacted] and seemed to be enthusiastic. I thought that his morale was reasonably good under the circumstances. He has not given up hope of improving his vision.

4. I agreed with Bob Bannerman that he will serve on John Macy's interagency committee to develop an executive branch position on the polygraph. Howard Osborn will be his staff assistant and will work with Kimbell Johnson of the Civil Service Commission. Dick Helms has approved these appointments.

5. John Clarke briefed me on some recent conversations he had with John Bross about planning, programming, and budgeting for the Intelligence Community. I may be wrong, but I get the impression that John Bross wants to lean quite heavily on PPB for his Community

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efforts. I certainly want to help him in whatever way we can, but I am not optimistic about how fast the Community effort will be airborne, and I do not want the Agency effort to be held back. I told John Clarke that he should appoint someone to sit in with John Bross's group but that he should not undertake Community work unless it can be done with no additional effort. I emphasized my strong desire to let nothing interfere with expediting the Agency's program.

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6. The Director telephoned to say that one night over the weekend he had called the Operations Center and talked with [redacted] 25X1 the SIDO. The Director was dissatisfied with the performance of [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] who expressed first ignorance about a press item and then surprise when he found it in his "in" box while talking to the Director. In addition, the music and noise in the background led the Director to believe that this was a lax watch. He asked me to consider having the DCI Duty Officer make unannounced inspections of the Operations Center and then report what he finds. (Jack Smith is aware of the Director's request, and while I certainly will comply with it, I want to ensure that the DCI Duty Officer does not give the impression that he is making an IG-type inspection.)

7. Ray Cline talked with me about Walt Elder's replacement. He said that he had not submitted any nominations but that the best people he has for the job are Paul Borel, [redacted] I 25X1 agreed to put these names in the pot; I have done this.

8. Bob Bannerman talked with me about returning to the United States an Office of Logistics employee [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] I told Bob that, when he talks to Pat, he should make it clear that, while we are willing to accommodate his wishes and return this couple before the completion of their tour, this employee's failure to have overseas service will inevitably place him at a disadvantage in competition with other people in the Logistics Career Service for promotion, assignments, etc.

9. I spoke with Dick Helms about the possibility of presenting an honor award to Walt Elder when he leaves his present job. Although Dick thinks highly of Walt, he reiterated his feeling that we should not give these awards when people change jobs unless there is some extremely outstanding reason for doing so, which he does not believe to be the case in this instance.

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